

**FANS ON COAST
THINK NICK IS
WIZARD FIELDER**

**Georgia Peach Foiled by
Circus Catches of Come-
dian in Frisco.**

By JACK NYE.

They have an idea, out there on the Pacific Coast, that Nick Atrocco is not only the king-pin among baseball comedians, but that he is about the classiest fielding phenom in the business.

California fans were expecting a lot of laughs out of the famous pan-

the thing that knocked 'em cold was the way Nick made those dazzling circus catches around the first station.

When the old boy started picking 'em out of the dirt with his usual nonchalance, taking 'em on the run behind his back and spearing high flies with one hand from impossible positions, the native sons just sat

back and gasped.

One game especially made a hit with the bleacherites. It was in Frisco

Nick Hails Mr. Cobb.

The chief actors in the little drama were Hon. Nicholas Altrock and Hon. Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the well known Georgia Peach.

In fact, it all simmered down to a battle of wits between Nick and

"The most sensational finish ever seen on the Coast," was the way the fans described it.

Well let Nick tell it himself, as long as he was there.

"It was in Frisco," said our hero, "and the team I was with, known as Altrock and Sawyer's gang, was leading Cebbi's boys."

"When the ninth inning came around Cobb was the first man up. Just to add a little comedy to the situation, Carl and I crept in until we were about twenty feet from the plate. That tickled the fans. But Ty slammed one at me a mile a minute. I ducked my head to

Sawyer, who covered first, for an easy out. After I got over my surprise I just pretended like that kind of fielding was an every-day occurrence with me.

staged a rally and had three on with none out. Then who should come to the bat again but Cobb himself. He was batting out of his turn, and we raised an awful holler. But the fans wanted to see him bat, so we let it go at that.

"This time Ty hit the ball a mile—right up in the air. It took so long coming down that Carl and I held a conference in the

decide who would take it. After a lot of Alphonse and Gaston stuff I decided to make the catch, and dropped to a bewitching pose on one knee to make it look harder.

"While I was waiting for the ball, what does this Sawyer do but come and sit on my knee. Still sitting there, he stuck up his glove, too, how I outreached him. By a couple of inches and—"

"Maybe those guys in the bleachers didn't fall for that stunt any time you tell 'em I'm not a big league fielder you're likely to get insulted. Yes, Sir."

Nick's adventures in the West would fill a book. He liked the folks out there and they seemed to have the same kind of feeling about him. It was a good feeling.

He's a Cobb Booster.

One thing the trip accomplished was to make Nick a mighty firm friend of Ty Cobb. He'll tell you the Georgia Peach is a regular guy and in addition about as keen a baseball man as you can find.

"I knew Cobb in a way before going West," he said, "but after being thrown with him so much, I can

let the world know that he's all to the mustard. The exhibition of hitting, base running and sliding gave before each game was worth any man's money, and in addition he made a lot of demonstrations at the schools. To top it off he delivered an address before five thousand persons at Berkeley that sounded like William Jennings Bryan when he was hitting on all cylinders.

"Some folks say that Cobb won't make a good manager, but he's got everything that a manager needs. He's not a hard guy, though he is plain spoken. He's mighty square and fair. Unless I miss my guess he's going to get along as well next season as any man can who takes over a club under the same circumstances."

**BALTIMORE QUINTS
WANT CAGE GAME**

The last Community game, Club of Baltimore challenges an District team averaging 115 points. The Monumental City quint has not been defeated this season. The challenge is directed principally at local clubs having a hall suitable for dancing after the game, as the Baltimoreans will bring their club orchestra to furnish music for the dancing. Teams interested commu-

The Imperial A. C. tossers of Baltimore, owners of one of the best bag records of the season, challenge any District quint averaging 135 pounds. The Imperials have suffered only one defeat this season losing to the Allied quint by three points. For games address Manager

Southwest A. A. to Meet.
The Southwest A. A. will hold its first regular meeting tonight at 2304 Fourteenth street southwest at 8 o'clock. All athletes wishing to become members of the club are invited to attend the meeting.